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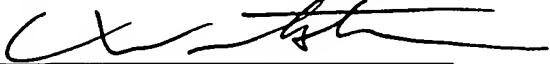
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Invention: METAL COATING METHOD EXCELLENT IN CORROSION RESISTANCE AND ARTICLE
COATED THEREWITH**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 IN
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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